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and Friday

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SECOND EARTHQUAKE BRINGS PANIC IN ROME PREMIER ESTIMATES DEATH TOLL AT 4,000

ALLIES RETIRE ACROSS AISNE; FLOODS CARRY AWAY BRIDGES

Retirement of French Forced to
Keep Communications Safe.
Germans Throw Heavy Bod-
ies Into Action.

Attack on Vregny Gives Kaiser's
Forces Victory Northeast of
Soissons—Westende Is Re-
duced.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Admission is
made today that the French troops
holding positions north of the Aisne
have been compelled to retire to the
south of the river.

Severe floods, which carried away
the temporary bridges, and not the
German attacks, is given as the
cause.

The retirement was necessary in
order that communication should be
preserved.

The fighting around Soissons con-
tinues, with the Germans throwing
heavy forces into action in an effort
to regain lost ground. At the same
time the French are said to have
gained a slight advantage at cer-
tain points.

Heavy Cannonading.

In the extreme north the cannonading
continues, despite the fact that a
thick blanket of fog now shrouds the
entire countryside. The artillery ex-
changes are extremely violent, espe-
cially in the Neuport-Ypres region.

The Belgians are reported to have
dynamited an ammunition depot in
the region of Stuyven-Kensake, kill-
ing many Germans and destroying a
large quantity of munitions.

All along the Aisne, artillery ex-
changes are in order, with practically
no change in the situation. Fighting
is in progress along the heights of
the Meuse, but the snow and fog have
prevented any renewal of the offen-
sive in Alsace and the Vosges.

Reports say that additional German
troops are being brought into action
in the neighborhood of Rheims. The
German artillery is shelling the city
of Rheims again, while the infantry
is reported as engaged between
Rheims and Perthe, where the fighting
is severe.

Prepare for Offensive.

It is now believed certain the Ger-
mans have decided on another offen-
sive, to be directed against the apex
of the triangle formed by the rivers
Aisne and Oise. Reports agree that
they are concentrating men and ar-
tillery to the north of the Noyon-Laon
line, and have also strengthened their
positions to the north of the Aisne
and between Ypres and Dinant.

While this originally appeared to be
an effort to relieve the pressure in
the districts of upper Alsace, it is now
believed that it is an independent
movement for attacking another ef-
fort to hack a way through to the
sea and to destroy the allied lines of
communication west of Queenois and
Peronne.

Kaiser Witnesses Victory
Of Troops at Vregny

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—Westende has been
wiped off the map by the combined fire
of the allied land forces and their war-
ships. The monitors and torpedo boats
which took part in the general shelling
of this town and surrounding posi-
tions were driven off by the fire of the
German land batteries.

The fighting in the north is said to be
confined to artillery duels along the
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WHITE HOUSE CALLERS.

Congressman Andrew J. Montague of
Virginia.
Congressman H. H. Seldomridge of
Colorado.
Senator Henry F. Hollis of New Hamp-
shire.
Congressman Isaac R. Sherwood of
Ohio.
Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee.
Mrs. Martin Littleton.
Chief Justice Edward K. Campbell.
Chief of Claims.
William B. Howland.
Melvin A. Rice.
Chief Justice Covington of the District
Supreme Court.
Party of boys from Girard College to
pay respects, presented by Congress-
man J. Washington Logan of Penn-
sylvania.

Sheppard To Demand Vote On Suspension Of Rules In Senate

Prohibitionists Planning for Another Movement to
Get Amendment to Appropriation Bill of Dis-
trict Before Body as They Declare
Cause Is Gaining Strength.

Senator A. Sheppard of Texas and other supporters of prohi-
bition for the District of Columbia in the Senate are busily perfecting
plans for a new effort to bring about dry legislation in connection
with the District bill.

Not discouraged by the vote of the Senate Wednesday night
which decided that a two-thirds vote was necessary in order to suspend
the rules and allow the Sheppard prohibition measure to be offered
as an amendment to the District bill the champions of prohibition
for the National Capital said this was only a preliminary skirmish
and they would fight out the battle on other lines if necessary.

As a result of the decision Wednesday evening that the rules
could be suspended only by a two-thirds' vote, it was regarded as a
foregone conclusion that the separate amendment was beaten so far
as getting two-thirds of the Senate to vote for suspension of the
rules was concerned. Nevertheless, Senator Sheppard announced
that he would demand a vote on the question of suspension.

WILL DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENTS.

When that vote is had and Senator
Sheppard is beaten, he will then be
ready to present his new plan. Just
when he will do this will depend on
the progress on the District bill.

Senator Sheppard's new plan is to
offer his prohibition amendment to the
District bill and to take the position
that inasmuch as it affects the revenue
it is germane and entitled to consid-
eration. Obviously a point of order will
be raised against it. But if the Chair
refers the point of order to the Senate
for consideration, or if the Chair should
sustain the point of order an appeal
from the decision of the Chair can be
taken and the merits of the appeal de-
cided by majority vote.

Several points of procedure have
been suggested, but Senators who are
friendly to prohibition said this was
the one most likely to be followed. "The
supporters of prohibition declared their
cause was gaining in strength," they
said, "and the technical objections
raised against them yesterday by Sen-
ator Hitchcock and under which a

Thousands Ask Vainly For Sunday Tickets

Every Card Already Sent Out, But Many Still Hope
to Get Seats—Every Committee, Including That
of Ushers, and Choir of 350 Chosen.

With every one of the 6,000 tickets to the "Billy" Sunday meet-
ing next Monday afternoon distributed; with every committee, including
the ushers' committee of 100, named, and with the choir of 350
voices chosen, thousands of Washingtonians are today making persist-
ent but vain efforts to get the coveted bits of cardboard that will ad-
mit them to the big meeting in Convention Hall.

On the desk of William Knowles Cooper, secretary of the Y. M.
C. A. and chairman of the committee on arrangements, is a pile of
letters that would fill a mail bag, each asking for from 1 to 100 seats,
and every call of the postman brings additional appeals.

USHERS ALREADY SELECTED.

Chairman H. S. Omohundro, of the
committee on seating, has selected the
100 men who will aid him, but he has been
unable to select the ushers. He has
been aided by and telephone from those
who want to serve as ushers in order
to get inside Convention Hall. Others
are besieging Percy S. Foster, chair-
man of the music committee, with re-
quests to allow them to be members
of the choir so they can get to hear
the famous evangelist.

Letters requesting tickets will be an-
swered if they contain stamps of re-
turn envelopes, but those who do not
have them will be rejected. Applica-
tions for tickets today may be well
given up hope of getting into the meet-
ing. No tickets have been sent to or-
ganizations, but have gone out to in-
dividuals only.

Service and Rehearsal Sunday.
There will be a combined service and
rehearsal at the Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock
Sunday afternoon for all those who will
have a part in the big meeting the fol-
lowing day, including the members of
the choir. Mr. Foster will be in Phila-
delphia with Mr. Sunday that day so the
rehearsal will be conducted by Mr.
Breithwaite. This was agreed upon at
a meeting of the music committee last
night. The members being Mr. Foster,
Mr. Breithwaite, Dr. C. L. Bradley,
Norman E. Foster, and W. O. Hiltabide.
Mr. Foster has requested that every
member of the choir report at Conven-
tion Hall.

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STATE AUTHORITIES TO PROBE DEATH OF MT. RANIER WOMAN

William E. Van Scriven Married
Again Ten Days After His
Wife Succumbed.

NO DOCTOR CALLED, IS CLAIM

Autopsy To Be Held Over Body,
While Justice Will Impanel
Jury for Inquest.

A post-mortem examination of the
body of Mrs. Clara R. Van Scriven,
wife of William E. Van Scriven, of
Mt. Ranier, Md., who died suddenly
January 2, was ordered today by As-
sistant State's Attorney Clarence Rob-
erts, of Prince George's county, Md.,
after consultation with Sheriff George
Hardy. An inquest will be held at the
same time.

Mrs. Van Scriven was buried the day
after her death occurred. Ten days
later her husband was married again.
No physician attended the late Mrs.
Van Scriven prior to her death, but on
January 3 Health Officer Roberts, of
Mt. Ranier, Md., who died suddenly
January 2, was ordered today by As-
sistant State's Attorney Clarence Rob-
erts, of Prince George's county, Md.,
after consultation with Sheriff George
Hardy. An inquest will be held at the
same time.

Was In Good Health.

Two physicians, under orders of Mr.
Roberts, will examine the body to de-
termine the cause of death.
"Information that I have received is
that when last seen by neighbors, prior
to her death, Mrs. Clara Van Scriven
was in the best of health," said Mr.
Roberts today. "It is certain that she
was not attended by a physician, and
I have not been able to learn that she
ever complained of being sick or said
that I am not certain."

"Van Scriven was remarried on or
about January 10, his present wife be-
ing a Washington woman. I under-
stand that the woman who died this
month was his third wife, but as to
that I am not certain."
"I have left it to Sheriff Hardy to se-
cure two reputable physicians to per-
form the post-mortem examination of
the woman's body, and Justice of the
Peace Robert Joyce will be instructed
to impel a jury to hold the inquest.
This will be done either late today or
early tomorrow, according to what ar-
rangements can be made with the un-
derwriter for the disinterment. What is
done after the inquest will depend en-
tirely on what facts develop at the in-
vestigation."

BENDHEIM NAMED LASKEY'S ASSISTANT

Virginian Will Fill Vacancy
Caused by Resignation of
T. Morris Wampler.

Charles Bendheim was today appointed
by United States Attorney John E.
Laskey as an assistant to fill the
vacancy caused by the resignation of
T. Morris Wampler, who retired to en-
ter the practice of law with former
Justice Daniel T. Wright. He has been
a member of the bar since 1888, and has
served two terms in the Virginia legis-
lature. He also has served as clerk of
the circuit and corporation courts of
Alexandria.

Mr. Bendheim was a factor in orga-
nizing the Wilson-Marshall-Carlisle De-
mocratic Association of Alexandria, and
presided at the organization's first meet-
ing. Recently he was elected as a mem-
ber of the city council of Alexan-
dria.

Women Now Seek to
Kill Bill They Urged

ALBANY, Jan. 14.—Suffragists who
worked for two years to induce
the legislature to pass a resolution put-
ting an equal suffrage amendment up
to the voters this fall, now probably will
go before an Assembly committee and
plead for its death. It passed in 1913.
The resolution was introduced in the
Assembly by Majority Leader Hylan
last Wednesday.

The suffragists believe the amendment
would stand a better chance if included
in the new constitution.

Record Wheat Price
In New York Market

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Wheat sold
at \$1.31 on the consolidated ex-
change today, a new high record.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS KILLED BY EARTHQUAKES

Earthquakes have claimed a toll at least as large as any other
agent of disaster in the history of the world. Naturally the record
of these catastrophes is incomplete, but even existing figures show
that the toll of victims goes into countless thousands. The follow-
ing table shows the record of the worst quakes since the twelfth
century. Of course there were countless other disasters of a like
nature but, with the exception of that of Pompeii in the year
A. D. 79, there is no authentic record of them.

Date.	Place.	Loss of Life.	Date.	Place.	Loss of Life.
1177—Sicily	15,000	1797—Country between Santa			
1184—Syria	20,000	Fe and Panama	40,000		
1185—Cathay	40,000	1808—Naples	5,000		
1188—Cilicia	60,000	1815—Palermo, Rome, Genoa	1,000		
1668—Naples	40,000	1822—Aleppo	20,000		
1680—Canton	20,000	1828—Murcia, Spain	1,000		
1688—Calabria	10,000	1830—Canton	6,000		
1689—Schamahi	80,000	1835—Cosenza	1,000		
1693—Rimini	1,500	1840—Cape Hayti	14,000		
1693—Jamaica	4,000	1867—Calabria	10,000		
1698—Sicily	100,000	1868—Quito	5,000		
1703—Acquia, Italy	5,000	1869—Mendoza, South America	5,000		
1706—Yeddo, Japan	200,000	1881—Perusia	2,000		
1763—Abruzzi	15,000	1896—Mascia	100		
1783—Liguria	20,000	1897—San Jose de Guzman	14,000		
1783—Palermo, Italy	6,000	1898—Sicily	4,000		
1791—Peking	100,000	1898—Charleston, S. C.	43		
1792—Canton	5,000	1899—Island of Honko, Japan	10,000		
1794—Lima and Callao	18,000	1899—Stromboli	1,000		
1795—Grand Cairo	40,000	1899—Venezuela	3,000		
1795—Lisbon	50,000	1900—Calabria	1,000		
1798—Syria	20,000	1900—San Francisco	42		
1798—Messina	30,000	1908—Messina and fifty-four	184,800		
1798—Edinburgh, Asia Minor	5,000	towns			
1799—Torre del Greco	2,000				

RIOTOUS SCENES IN PIT AS WHEAT LEAPS BLEASE RESIGNS FIVE DAYS AHEAD OF TIME

Unprecedented Disorder at Chi-
cago Market When Record
Price of Years Is Reached.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Amid scenes un-
precedented in the local pit, wheat to-
day leaped far above any price it has
reached in many years.

The top prices reached during the
forenoon were around 11 o'clock, when
May options sold for \$1.42 1/2 per bushel.
Even the riotous scenes enacted last
week were surpassed as brokers raved
and stormed as the record figures were
announced.

SIDDONS CASE AGAIN BEFORE COMMITTEE

Chilton Defends Supreme Court
Nominee—Senate Lawyers
Keen on Ethics.

The Senate Judiciary Committee took
up the nomination of the District Com-
missioner P. L. Siddons to be associate
justice of the Supreme Court of the
District this morning. After discussing
the case until noon, the committee re-
cessed the case until noon, the commit-
tee recessed at 12 o'clock.

Senator Chilton spoke at length be-
hind closed doors to the committee this
morning in defense of Siddons. He an-
swered the charges which have been
made against Siddons, one relating to
the soliciting of business by the firm
of Ralston and Siddons and the other
relating to the question whether the
firm of Ralston, Siddons and Rich-
ardson was in the right in making itself
counsel of record in a Court of Claims
case.

Although some Senators have declared
the charges trivial, it appears some of
the Senators' lawyers are not so sure.
Siddons is supposed to have been in-
posed to lay great stress in their op-
position to the practice of many attor-
neys here in soliciting business. It is
charged that this is unethical. How-
ever, in the particular case brought up
against Siddons, which was a matter of
solicitation of business in a pardon
case, Mr. Siddons has said he knew nothing
of the letter of solicitation sent out by
Mr. Ralston.

Red Cross to Assist Italians in Relief

The American Red Cross today an-
nounced that it would receive con-
tributions from Italian residents of
the United States and others for the
relief of the Italian earthquake suf-
ferers.

No formal campaign for funds for
this relief work will be taken up at
present, but the organization will
continue its activities to receiving and
distributing contributions voluntarily.

This is the fourth big relief work
undertaken by the American Red
Cross. In addition to the European
war relief campaign, food supplies are
being sent for the relief of the
sufferers in Mexico and the
food sufferers in China.

THIRTY TOWNS LAID IN RUINS IN ITALY; MANY VICTIMS DYING

Army Sent Into Devastated Area Which
Extends for Hundred Miles From
Atlantic to the Adriatic, Aid the In-
jured and to Restore Communication.

ROME, Jan. 14.—For the second time in two days
central Italy was rocked today by an earthquake and the
thirty or more towns which suffered in yesterday's disaster
were cast into another panic.

Officials here announced late today that the death list
would not be as large as earlier seemed likely. The toll of
lives is now placed at 4,000, with the number of injured
estimated at 20,000.

Numerous palaces and churches, all of them of his-
toric interest, were damaged. In this city the destruction
was great. St. Peter's alone sustaining losses that cannot
be replaced.

With the army practically on a war basis, the govern-
ment is in excellent shape to meet the crisis and the tons
of medical supplies stored at various depots are being
rushed into the zone of disaster.

Premier Salandra, fearing a repetition of the epidemics
following the Messina horror, set aside an emergency fund
of \$50,000 for immediate relief measures and the engineer
corps of the army has followed the medical corps into
action.

TREMOR FELT IN EARLY MORNING.

HASN'T EVEN A COMB, BRIDE TELLS COURT

Mrs. Charles H. Cutts Says
Husband Abused Her Two
Days After Their Marriage.

Accusations that her husband, Charles
H. Cutts, former hotel proprietor, began
to treat her in "a cruel and inhuman
manner" two days after their marriage
at Rockville, Maryland's Gretna Green,
on Christmas eve, last, are contained in
a petition for limited divorce filed in
the District Supreme Court today by
Mrs. Viola Redmond Cutts.

Mrs. Cutts alleges that the day after
Christmas her husband struck her re-
peatedly, used "vulgar, indecent and
abusive language" and "threatened to
take her life."

The allegation is made that although
Mr. Cutts has resided in the District and
Virginia more than \$100,000 he has
failed to support his wife and has given
her food which she alleges was "putrid,
unwholesome and absolutely dangerous
to her health." Mrs. Cutts further
charges that her husband has not pro-
vided her with suitable clothes.

"She has not even a comb or a hair
brush," says the petition.

Since the marriage three weeks ago,
the petition states, Mrs. Cutts made one
trip to Philadelphia to visit her mother,
her husband furnishing money to make
the trip, but giving her no money to
return. She says that she obtained
money to return from her mother, who
is not caring for her.

It is set forth in the petition that
among the realty holdings of Mr. Cutts
are three farms in Alexandria county,
Va., and the Camille apartment house
in the District.

Confiscation of Property at
Tampico Brings British Ob-
jections.

Secretary of State Bryan today cabled
Consul Canada at Vera Cruz directing
him to make a strong protest to Gen-
eral Carranza against enforcement of
the decree confiscating foreign oil prop-
erties.

Action was taken after Ambassador
Spring-Rice, of Great Britain, had
placed before the Secretary protests of
directing heads of the oil companies in
the Tampico district, owned by the
Mexican interests, against the forced
suspension of oil operations. The own-
ers of these properties, as well as the
American oil men in the Tampico dis-
trict, are accused by Carranza of aid-
ing the Villa faction.

As a result of fighting around Sal-
tillo and Monterrey, the railroad shops
at Tiedra, Nuevas have been closed
and the force laid off without pay.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.
Met at noon.
Judiciary Committee took up Siddons
nomination.
Prohibition forces casting about for
new method of bringing about "dry"
legislation for District.
HOUSE.
House met at noon.
Adopted resolution asking for infor-
mation as to range of coast defense
guns.
Resumed debate on river and har-
bor bill.
Committee on Interstate Commerce
schedule hearing late today, on Mc-
Kellar cold storage bill.
District committee held brief meeting,
but transacted no business.

Details Still Lacking.
While details are still lacking, the re-
ports of the various officials in charge
of the relief work show the following
cities and towns affected:

Avenanno—Thousands of the 10,000 in-
habitants either dead or injured; town
destroyed; death list in adjoining ter-
ritory very large.
Alessi—Several hundred reported dead.
Arpino—One hundred and fifty known
dead; many hurt.
Campi—Several hundred reported dead.
Ardea—Forty reported dead.
Campi—Several hundred reported dead.
Galliano—Several hundred reported dead.
Monte Rotondo—Three known dead.
Including noted professor, Luigi Mag-
nani.
Naples—None dead; many injured.

Potenza Is Damaged.
Potenza—Ninety miles east of Naples,
entire city reported damaged and many
hurt.

Port—Five hundred out of total popu-
lation of 4,000 reported killed; town
practically demolished; details not yet
obtainable.
Poggioreale—Five dead; many hurt.
Rome—None dead in city, but many
hurt.
Ripoli—Fifteen reported dead; many in-
jured.
Siena—Twenty reported dead; town re-
ported completely wrecked.
Sarno, Sonnino, Subiaco, and Savigno—